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TELECOM FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2085 on March 12, 2001 regarding Opening of Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices and state:

(a) the present position of department building of Thakma Telephone Exchange;

(b) whether the C-DoT exchange of 1000 lines has been completed so far;

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(d) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections under said exchange at present; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list and lay cable line in each of the village under the said exchange?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The departmental building is ready. Environmental work is in progress.

(b) & (c): The installation of 1000 lines CDOT exchange is in progress.The exchange is likely to be commissioned by November, 2001.

(d) & (e): The present waiting list for telephone connections under Thakma exchange is 324. Alongwith exchange installation, cable laying work is also in progress to make the exchange area technically feasible. The waiting list is likely to be cleared within a month`s time of the commissioning of the exchange.